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County Initiates Damage Assessment Stemming from Hurricane Matthew

<u>Beaufort County</u> has started an inspection and damage assessment of conditions stemming from Hurricane Matthew, with teams working countywide. Led by the County's offices of the <u>Assessor</u> and <u>Building Codes</u>, the County is working in conjunction with the <u>City of Beaufort</u>, and the towns of <u>Bluffton</u>, <u>Hilton Head Island</u>, and <u>Port Royal</u>.

County employees will be performing a quick assessment and inventory of damage to all structures and improvements for <u>FEMA declaration</u> and overall damage assessments. These teams will be traveling in Beaufort County vehicles (marked with the County logo), in teams of two. They will be wearing reflective vests, making preliminary exterior inspections of any damaged structures and general percentages of loss. The County anticipates that this initial process will be completed by the end of this week.

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